

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Line-Item Veto Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2907–S3036

Measures Introduced: Two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1646–1647, S. Res. 233–235, and S. Con. Res. 49. **Pages S3018–19**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 699, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics for seven years, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 104–244)

S. 1224, to amend subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, relating to alternative means of dispute resolution in the administrative process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–245)

Special Report entitled "Capability of the United States to Monitor Compliance with the Start II Treaty". (S. Rept. No. 104–246)

S. Con. Res. 42, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community. **Page S3017**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 49, providing for certain corrections to be made in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. **Page S2995**

Honoring Former Senator Muskie: Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, relative to the death of Edmund S. Muskie. **Pages S2996–97**

Special Olympics Torch Relay: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds. **Page S3033**

National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S3033**

National Roller Coaster Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, proclaiming the week of June 16–22, 1996, as "National Roller Coaster Week". **Page S3033**

Administration of Presidio Properties: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments thereto: **Pages S2907–16, S2918–24**

Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3571 (to Amendment No. 3564), to provide for the exchange of certain land and interests in land located in the Lost Creek area and other areas of the Deerlodge National Forest, Montana. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3572 (to Amendment No. 3571), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate. **Page S2907**

Kerry Amendment No. 3574 (to Amendment No. 3573), in the nature of a substitute. (By a unanimous vote of 97 nays (Vote No. 52), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Page S2907**

Dole motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions. **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3653 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to strike the instructions and insert in lieu thereof "to report back by April 21, 1996 amendments to reform welfare and Medicaid effective one day after the effective date of the bill." **Page S2907**

Dole Amendment No. 3654 (to Amendment No. 3653), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2907**

Also, during consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 54) three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, listed above. **Page S2924**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 28, 1996, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, listed above, to occur thereon.

Line-Item Veto Conference Report: By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 4, to give the President line-item veto authority with respect to appropriations, new direct spending, and limited tax benefits, after taking the following actions:

Pages S2925, S2927, S2929–95

Rejected:

Byrd motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions. (By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate tabled the motion to recommit the conference report.)

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Subsequently, the following amendments fell when the motion to recommit was tabled:

Byrd Amendment No. 3665 (to instructions in motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute.

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Byrd Amendment No. 3666 (to Amendment No. 3665), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2952–78**

Farm Bill Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. **Pages S2996, S2997–S3004**

Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on Thursday, March 28, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

Foreign Relations Authorizations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal year 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. **Page S3033**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act for calendar year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–135). **Page S3012**

Transmitting the report on the Trade Agreements Program for calendar year 1995 and the Trade Policy

Agenda for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–136). **Page S3012**

Messages From the President: **Page S3012**

Messages From the House: **Page S3012**

Measures Referred: **Page S3012**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3029–33**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S2924, S2977–78, S2995**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Muskie, in accordance with S. Res. 234, adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 28, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3033.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 17.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Joseph J. DiNunno, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Franklin D. Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 2,700 military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.